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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5329

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FOR A/FBO

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SUBJECT: NEW PABX - ICELAND

REF: A. SCASSA/MORAN TELECON 5/2/75

B. STATE 32661

C. REYKJAVIK 0065

1. AS MENTIONED IN REFERENCES PRESENT PABX IS A SIEMENS SCHUCKERT INSTALLED OCTOBER 1, 1959. THE LOCAL TELEPHONE AUTHORITY ADVISED THE EMBASSY THAT PARTS ARE NO RPT NO LONGER AVAILABLE. THEY RECOMMENDED THAT WE LEASE A NEW PABX.

2. OF THE THREE TRUNKS, ONE IS OUT OF ORDER AND THE ICELANDIC POST & TELEGRAPH IS UNABLE TO MAKE REPAIRS BECAUSE SPARE PARTS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE.

3. THE PABX IS A 24 VDC SYSTEM. A COMBINATION DIAL PULSE AND TRANSFER RELAY HAD TO BE INSTALLED TO ACCOMMODATE ONE OF OUR TIE-LINES BECAUSE THE CITY SYSTEM IS 48 VDC. CONSEQUENTLY THE VOICE QUALITY IS VERY POOR. BECAUSE OF THE DIAL PULSE AND TRANSFER RELAY INTERCHANGE WE LOSE APPROXIMATELY 20-24 DBS ON THE LINE.

4. THE EXISTING SYSTEM CANNOT BE EXPANDED, AND ALL TWENTY FIVE LINES ARE IN USE. TO GIVE THE EMBASSY AND ADJOINING RESIDENCE THE TELEPHONE CAPABILITY THAT IS REQUIRED AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE NEED THIRTY FIVE EXTENSIONS.

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5. THE PABX IS TOO OLD AND NO REAL MAINTENANCE CAN BE PERFORMED,

WE ARE EXPERIENCING CONSTANT INTERNAL LINE FAILURES ON INCOMING CALLS.

6. RCO BONN CONCURS IN REPLACEMENT OF PRESENT PABX. OUR REGIONAL TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN RECOMMENDS THAT ALL HOUSE CABLING AND TERMINAL EQUIPMENT BE REPLACED WHEN A NEW PABX IS INSTALLED.

7. EMBASSY REQUESTS \$15,000 TO PURCHASE NEW ITT TD 100 EPABX. IN ADDITION WE REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL \$6,000 TO COVER THE COST OF REPLACING HOUSE CABLING, NEW TERMINAL INSTRUMENTS, AND SHIPPING CHARGES.

8. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT EXISTING PHONE SYSTEM IS OF THE "THOMAS EDISON" VINTAGE AND IS A CONSTANT SOURCE OF IRRITATION AND LOST CALLS, THE EMBASSY HOPES THAT A/FBO WILL BE ABLE TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF A NEW EPABX THIS FY. SHOULD FUNDS NOT BE AVAILABLE THIS FY, THE EMBASSY URGES THAT IT BE GIVEN PRIORITY CONSIDERATION WITH THE COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT IN EARLY FY 76.

9. A/FBO'S ASSISTANCE IN THE REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING PABX WOULD VERY MUCH BE APPRECIATED.
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